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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR NEUTRALIZING ALKALINE
WASTEWATER WITHOUT USING MINERAL ACIDS

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Responsive to the Official Action dated October 8, 2003, please amend the
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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

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Total effective claims after amendment	11	minus highest number		
previously paid for	20	(at least 20) =	0 x \$ 18.00	\$ 0.00
Independent claims after amendment	1	minus highest number		
previously paid for	5	(at least 3) =	0 x \$ 86.00	\$ 0.00
If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper)				\$ 0.00
Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$420.00/2 months; \$950.00/3 months)				\$ 0.00
Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00				\$ 0.00
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Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00)				\$ 0.00
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